

He was a kindly man, who loved his family. He had the rare gift of leading out in establishing family loyalty in his home. He enjoyed reading. From his boyhood he had read to remember. Especially was he well informed in the Gospel.

It was in his lovely new home in Heber City that he passed away, in his sixty-ninth year.

Elizabeth Campbell was a practical nurse. She attended the birth of many babies. She was a faithful worker in the Church. During the last 13 years of her life she was blind. This handicap did not deter her from doing temple work. She died November 6, 1901, at the home of a son in Park City.

Their children: Alexander (married Annie Elizabeth McNaughton), Janet (died in Scotland), Joseph Davis (married Margaret McNaughton), John (married Marion Jane Todd), Thomas (died in Cedar City), Agnes (married Richard Jones), William (married Catherine Johnson), Mary Ann (married James W. Clyde), James (married Dorcus Marion (Maude) Witt), Elizabeth (married Charles J. Wahlquist).

WILLIAM DAVIS

William Davis was born January 2, 1830, in Wilsford, Wiltshire, England, on a farm and became an expert plowman, taking many prizes at plowing matches. He married Elizabeth Hope about 1854, near where they were both born and reared. He was baptized February 2, 1852, by Elder George Stone (and probably Elizabeth, too), near their birth place.

In 1864 they made arrangements to sail from Liverpool on the sailing ship "Hudson," in the latter part of May, with their four children. The date of sailing was postponed a few days so the family, having disposed of their household goods, went to visit with Elizabeth's parents until the ship sailed. While there, their youngest child was taken ill and died on the 29th of May. The family had to be in Liverpool the next day, so had to leave without having the privilege of attending the funeral of their little one. It was a severe trial to leave, but the sailing ship would leave them if they were not there. The boat sailed May 31, 1864. They were on the Atlantic ocean six weeks and a few days, landing at New York on July 19.

From New York they went to the village of Wyoming, which is on the Missouri River. There they were met by ox teams and wagons sent from Utah to bring the emigrants across the plains to Utah.

A few days after starting, Elizabeth and her little son Moroni, six years old, became seriously ill with dysentery. While William was doing all he could to help and comfort his wife, his little son called in a weak voice, "Daddy, daddy." William went to him and learned he wanted soup. He promised to get some and turned back to his wife, who was dying. He begged her to try to live and prayed to the Lord to spare her, but she passed away. He turned to go to his little boy and get some soup for him, but he was too late. The sisters came to do what they could. He had to bury them by the side of the road, without coffins and little time for ceremonies.

When they finally arrived in Utah, their Uncle William Hail Stone, who had been in Utah some years, met them in Echo Canyon and brought them to the Hailstone ranch, where he made his home many years.

On April 10, 1865, William Davis married Mary Goddard Colind, in the Endowment House. She had lost her husband on the plains in 1864. She made a splendid stepmother to William's two remaining children. His son was drowned three years after their arrival, while trying to cross high water in the Provo River in a wagon.

Their ranch home was by the side of the road and anyone who needed help or food were always made welcome at the Davis ranch. William and Mary Goddard Colind Davis reared a family of four sons and two daughters.

William Davis acted as Presiding Elder at Elkhorn for some years, also the office of a High Priest. In 1866 and 1867 he took part in the Black Hawk War.

He was called to pass through severe trials, but he kept jovial and cheerful as long as he lived and his faith in God never faltered.

WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH CUMMINGS DAVIS

William Davis was born October 12, 1867, in Heber. His parents were William Davis and Mary Goddard Colind.



Elizabeth Cummings was born January 7, 1870, in Heber. Her parents were Isaac Cummings and Sarah Jones. She was the sixth child in a family of 12 children.

Although Will had lived at the ranch, just eight miles north of Heber, he and Lizzie had never met till they went to Provo to attend the B. Y. U. in 1886. She, with her two brothers, Ike and John, and others from Heber, boarded in a hotel while they attended school. She and Will fell in love and before the winter was over, Lizzie broke her engagement to another fellow and decided to marry Will.

Early on the morning of October 17, 1888, they, with two other couples, Ike Cummings and Minnie Averett, Attewall Wootton and Elizabeth Ohwiler, climbed into a wagon and drove to Park City. There they boarded the train for Logan, Utah. The next morning, October 18, 1888, they were married in the temple. A large wedding reception was held for the Davises at her parents' home.

After a three months' stay in Heber, the couple moved to the ranch at Elkhorn, where they spent the rest of their married life, except for five years in Park City and a period between 1898 and 1905, when they lived in Heber following the death of Sarah Cummings, taking care of Lizzie's father and his children until his death. It was at the ranch that their six children were born. Two of them died in infancy.

Of the four remaining, Zella married George Blackley and is the only survivor at the present time. Mae died at the age of 18, in 1909. Wallace married Lila Jones. He died of tuberculosis in 1931. Nellie married Arnold Johnson. She died from a stroke in 1952.

"The Ranch," as it was known to almost everyone, was a 660-acre place that Will

and Lizzie Davis made a hospitable home for friends and strangers. They were always willing to give a helping hand and many times during or after storms, Will arose in the middle of the night, harnessed his big, white horses and helped pull cars out of the mud. Mention of remuneration was an insult to him.

The mailmen who had the rural route were especially grateful to him. There were countless times he helped them out of the mud and even took them on to Park City when their cars were stalled—delivering the mail with them along the way.

"Aunt Liz" was a friend to everyone and no matter who it was stopped at her door, she insisted on feeding them, even if it were only a piece of pie. She was a marvelous cook and many a salesman or passerby would make an excuse to use the phone or stop for a drink of water, just to get some of her good cooking.

It took much work to run the ranch. Will and Lizzie worked side by side. For years Will worked at the "Tunnel" to supplement his income, and Lizzie helped out with the chores. She would milk the 14 cows, feed the pigs and chickens, separate the milk, and many other jobs that a farmer's wife has to perform. No matter what time of the night Will came home, there was always a hearty meal ready for him.

The schoolhouse at Elkhorn stood where Sweeney's Pole Plant was situated and during the school season the school teacher always boarded with the Davises.

L. D. S. meetings were held in the school house, and Will and Lizzie took part in running the Elkhorn branch. Lizzie was M.I.A. president at one time.

Will Davis died May 15, 1939, of cancer. Lizzie stayed on at the ranch for two more years and then sold it to the New Park Mining Co. She then came to Heber, locating in a new home at 27 East Third North Street.

There she lived until her death, January 26, 1959, at the age of 89 years.

ALMA THEODORE DAYTON AND AMANDA ELIZABETH HUDSON DAYTON

Alma Theodore Dayton was born December 4, 1846, in Council Bluffs, Iowa, son of